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There has been an improvement in world supply of oil-bearing seeds and a somewhat smaller acreage of flax seed than was sown last year will meet domestic requirements. The Canadian Wheat Board will support prices of \$4 per bushel for top grades of flaxseed in the 1945-46 crop year, beginning August 1, should the market price drop to that level. The Wartime Prices and Trade Board ceiling price of \$5 per bushel will be removed on the same date, thus permitting buyer and seller to trade freely at prices above the support level.

You have got working for you a host of people you never see. On every 67 adults in Canada is an Ottawa's payroll. Today Canadian tax payers pay 120,000 people in the Dominion civil service. That's 69,000 more than before the war. Extra cost \$120 millions a year. Obviously staffs of the government are swelling. Chiffins can't pay the bills. A shroud of pre-war size would be inadequate for present public needs. But those who put up the money are entitled to know why so much is required by this or that department and judge what the nation is getting in return. Small items need to gain scrutiny as big ones. Lumped together they total millions. For instance the government will spend more than \$5,000,000 on publicity this year. That involves staffs. Does the army need 40 people to handle its public relations? What for? Then what about the two and a half millions to be spent this year in propaganda abroad. One and a half millions the government will spend on overseas broadcasts and \$646,550 will be spent by the Canadian information service.

### EXPERIMENTAL FARM NOTES

Growing flax in combination with wheat or other cereals.

The question is frequently asked, "Is it advisable to grow flax in combination with other grain rather than by itself?" There are advantages and disadvantages to the system of combination cropping and these should be taken into account when the use of it is being considered. The advantages of combination cropping are: It is easier to cut flax when it is grown in a mixture with other grain than when it is grown alone. Flax in combination with other grain will fight weeds better than when sown alone. If the land is liable to crust wheat seedlings can push their way through making it possible for the flax to emerge. While no definite data are available there is reason to believe that flax grown in combination with wheat is damaged less by grasshoppers than when grown alone. The chief disadvantages are: Flax should be sown fairly shallow and under certain conditions it is necessary to seed the wheat and flax separately. A crop of wheat and flax mixed is more difficult to market and it is practically essential to separate it. The grade of flax is frequently lowered on account of broken wheat particles. Manufacturers of linseed oil object to these as they reduce the percentage of oil extracted.

Where there is not too much risk of producing a satisfactory crop of flax by seeding it alone it is preferable to seed it that way. Under favorable conditions flax can be expected to yield approximately as many bushels per acre as would be obtained from wheat.

A mixture of wheat and flax is likely to prove successful only in a few parts of the province where a favorable moisture supply is usually required. Experiments have been conducted at the Lethbridge Experimental Station on irrigated land over a period of five years in seeding wheat and flax in different combinations. From results obtained a mixture of half a bushel of wheat and half a bushel of flax per acre appears to be a satisfactory combination.

When deciding to grow wheat and flax in combination the time of maturing of the varieties used is important. Marquis wheat and Bison flax mature at the same time and can, therefore, be used together, but if an earlier variety such as Rod Roba 222 or Thatcher is chosen, then an earlier variety of flax, such as Rod Wing should also be used.

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combination with oats or barley, as the rapid growth of these crops and the heavy leaf system tends to smother the flax. It is difficult to yield. It also requires seeding the flax and oats or barley separately in order to get a proper mixture throughout.

The harvesting of flax when grown alone is much less difficult today than it was a number of years ago when it was the usual practice to cut the crop with a binder and stook it.

### PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

Every religion is to be respected. Such has the foundation which makes for correct and righteous living. Since all religions teach the gospel of goodness, then all are deserving of praise. So long as a people allow themselves to be corrupted to the point of perfect living, then the true purpose of religion, whatever name it may be known will have been accomplished.

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